Pay Commission. Consequent to the review, Government Departments with predominantly public dealings or of a commercial nature were advised to review the existing arrangement and switch over to six day week working, wherever feasible.

Procedure for writing of ACR

†1834. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision for changing the procedure regarding writing annual confidential report of officers;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that now their assessment would be done by a group of experts;

(c) what would be the selection procedure of these experts and from which fields these experts would be taken; and

(d) the reaction of the officers on the changed procedure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) A proposal for changing the procedure regarding writing of Annual Confidential Reports of Indian Administrative Service Officers is under consideration.

Working of Right to Information Act

1835. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have analyzed the working of right to Information Act, if so, the findings in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that Central Information Commission has given a questionable ruling by endorsing proposal to prescribe a standard format for the purpose of making an application; and

(c) whether the decision is contrary to the provisions to the Act, if so, the steps taken to correct the anomaly?

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.